

Scheduling 101

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FRA Monitoring Procedures references:

- MP 01 MTAC Administrative Conditions and Requirements
- MP 20 Project Management Plan (PMP) Review
- MP 23 Real Estate Acquisition and Management Plan Review
- MP 33 Capital Cost Estimate Review
- MP 34 Project Schedule Review
- MP 40 Risk and Contingency Review

Common Scheduling Rules

- The first 90% of a project takes 90% of the time. The last 10% takes the other 90%.
- A badly planned project will take three times longer than expected. A well planned project only twice as long as expected.
- Schedules are made to be broken.

Why Scheduling?

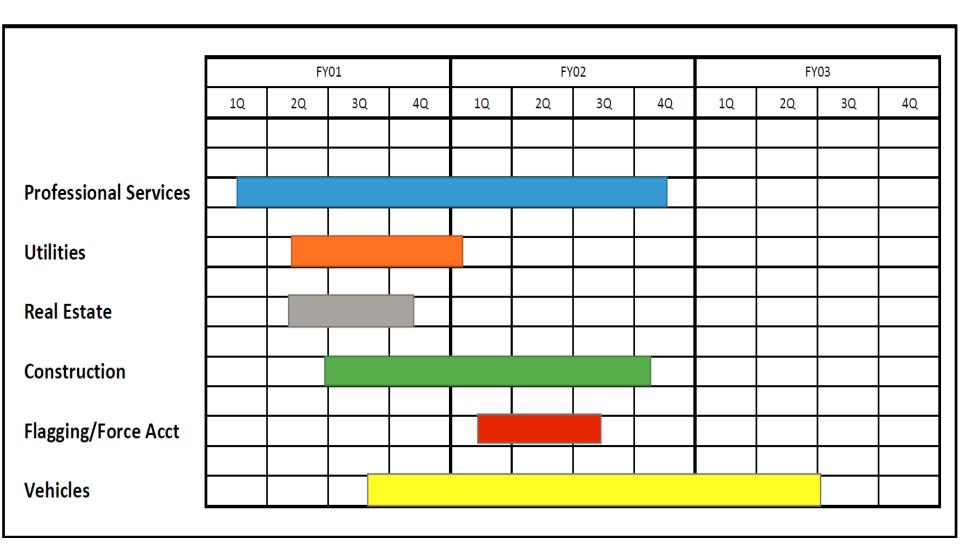
- Management
- Communication
- Coordination
- Monitoring
- Mitigation

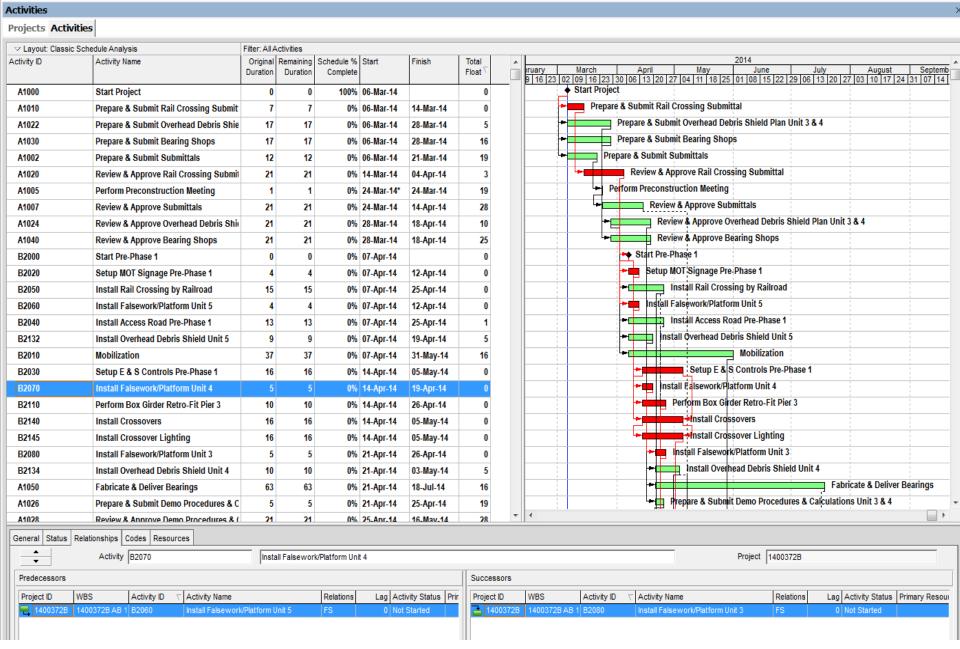
Two Common Schedules Types

Bar Chart

Critical Path Method

BAR CHART Schedule



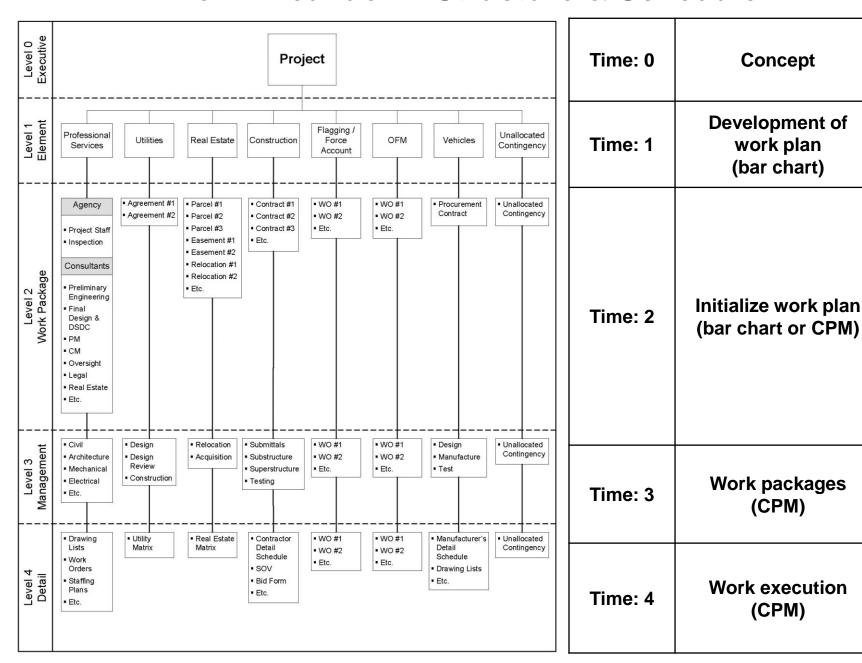


CPM Schedule

Schedule Evolution / Refinement

- Planning/Conceptual <u>little</u> detail & <u>large</u> contingency
- Preliminary Engineering <u>some</u> detail & <u>less</u> contingency
- Final Design more detail & some contingency
- Construction most detail & small contingency

Work Breakdown Structure & Schedule

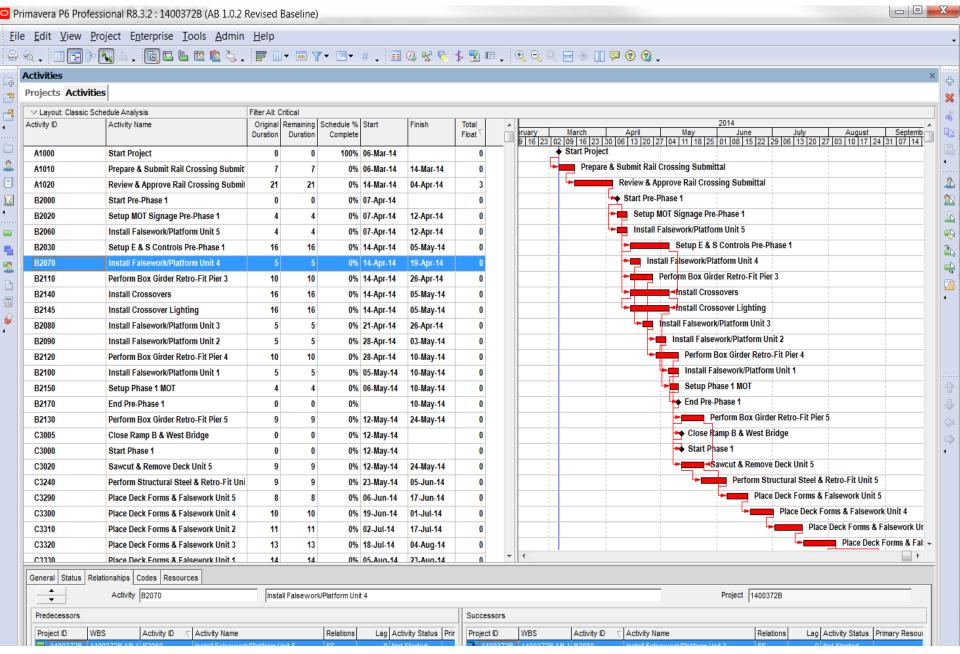


Within the Schedule

- Activities (ID, description & duration)
- Logic relationships
- Calendars
 - Weather, Environmental, Political
- Resources (labor & equipment)
- Cost & Productivity

Within the Schedule

- Critical path earliest a project can be completed
- Near critical path
- Float
 - Total Float
 - Positive / Negative float
 - Delays



CPM Schedule – Critical Path

Schedule Management

- Review and Update
 - Planning & Design prefer monthly, no greater than quarterly
 - Construction monthly

Schedule Management

- **Monitor Milestones & Completion Dates**
- **Coordination Elements**
 - **Utilities**
 - Real Estate
 - Procurement
 - Vehicles
 - **Technology**

Risk Management

 Identify & evaluate potential & impact of schedule risks

- "What if" scenarios / solutions
 - Material, labor, & equipment
 - Real estate
 - Other external forces

Risk Management

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Summary v. Detailed Schedules

- Development of a schedule contingency to mitigate
 - Controllable & non-controllable events

Summary

- Management
- Communication tool
- Coordination
- Monitoring
- Mitigation

